which may make a Registered Medical Practitioner liable for punishment including removal altogether or for a specified period from the Register, of the name of the delinquent person.

Registration for drugs import

4527. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the deadline to register for drug import had been extended upto 31st March, 2003;

(b) the names of companies and drugs which have been registered;

(c) the details of pending applications;

(d) whether Government had proposed to clear all these applications by 31st March, 2003; and

(e) the procedure for import of new drugs and the registration of the companies after the deadline of 31st March, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The time stipulated under Rule 27 A of Notification No. GSR 604 (E) dated 24-8-2001 for the issue of Registration Certificate is 9 months, if the application is complete in all respects. It is expected that the applications will normally be cleared within the time frame of the said notification.

(e) The procedure for import of new drugs and for registration of manufacturing sites after 31st March, 2003 will be done as per the said Notification.

Spurious drugs

4528. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :
SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has arrested number of gangs involved in manufacturing of spurious drugs;

(b) if so, whether spurious antibiotics worth more than Rs. 5 lakhs were seized by the North-West District Police on 23rd March, 2003;

(c) whether the two antibiotics have been identified as Ampoxin-500 and Sporidex-500;

(d) if so, whether spurious drugs are operating on a large scale in the country; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps that have been considered by Government to check spurious drugs manufacturers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) As per the feedback available, Delhi Police has busted an inter-State racket of spurious medicines by arresting one person (Deva Singh *alias* R.K. Mishra *alias* Choudhary) who is in judicial custody whereas non-bailable warrant proceedings have been initiated against co-accused (Jeetendra Dua, Badi, Himachal Pradesh). A case *vide* FIR No. 215/2003 dated 23-3-03, has also been registered by Delhi Police against the accused person u/s 18(c), 27 (c) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940; Sections 49/79 of Trade and Merchandise Act and Sections 420/468/471 of IPC.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the feedback available from Drugs Control Admn., Delhi, a joint raid was carried out by Delhi Police and officers of Drugs Control Admn., Delhi on 23-3-03 during which one Deva Singh Choudhary of Sector 16 of Rohini, Delhi-85 was apprehended while he was carrying drugs of doubtful quality for delivery/supply. He was found in possession of 6 bags containing 750 boxes, each containing 15 × 10 packs of drug Ampoxin capsules, batch No. 142041 bearing the label "manufactured by M/s. Unichem Lab. Ltd., District Solan, Himachal Pradesh".

(d) As per the feedback available from the State Licensing Authorities for the period 2001-2002, out of 38824 samples tested by the Government Labs. of the whole country 96 samples were found to be spurious.

(e) Since manufacture and sale of spurious drugs is mainly a clandestine activity indulged in by anti-social persons, steps are taken from time to time by enforcement authorities of the States to detect and unearth spurious/fake drugs in the inter-state commerce. Government. of India has taken the following steps:

The Drugs Controller General (India) has advised the State Drugs Controllers to take the following measures for curbing the incidence of spurious drugs:—

I. (i) Constitution/reactivation of the State Drugs Advisory Committee in which various State and industry associations as well consumer association would find representation.

(ii) Establishment of separate intelligence-cum-legal machinery with police assistance. Training should be provided to selected officials of Drugs Control Administration in the modalities of intelligence work, prosecution etc. in respect of spurious/counterfeit drugs.

(iii) To ensure speedy analysis of drug samples by establishing own state level drug testing facilities.

(iv) State Drugs Control Authorities should be cautious while approving licenses for drug products to ensure that "look alike" products are not encouraged.

(v) To develop efficient communication facilities and recall procedures.

(vi) Surveillance of suspected dealers.

(vii) Engaging experienced counsel for fighting spurious drug cases.

(viii) Cooperation of pharmaceutical industry by regular interaction with them.

(ix) Collection of survey samples under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drugs (NSQED) programme.

II. The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare had written on Oct. 8, 2002 to all the Chief Ministers seeking their personal intervention to ensure that adequate measures are taken in each State to deal with this problem. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare also convened a meeting of the Health Ministers and senior officials of 13 major States of the country on 12-11-2002 to discuss measures to ensure concerted action required to check movement of spurious drugs in the country and to involve all stakeholders, including pharma industry, to curb the menace of manufacture and marketing of spurious/fake medicines.

III. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of DGHS to examine the extent of

problem and suggest remedial measures. Committee report has been submitted alongwith its recommendation in July, 2002. A copy of the report of the committee constituted by the Government of India to examine the issues concerning availability of spurious drugs in the market and measures recommended there of have been sent to all the State Drug Controllers for their implementation.

IV. Government of India has set up an expert Committee on January 27, 2003 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashalkar, DG, CSIR, Secretary to Government of India to look into the various issues related to Drugs Control Administration including the matter of effectively tackling the problem of spurious drugs.

V. Central Government have taken steps to augment the drugs testing facilities of State laboratories. Strengthening information system through computer networking is also under implementation.

Appointment of doctors of GDMO

4529. SHRI RAJU PARMAR :
SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a group of doctors of GDMO, a sub-cadre of CHS, were recruited on *ad hoc* basis/daily wages basis between 1978 and 1989 and these doctors qualified UPSC in year 1992 and 1994 ;

(b) whether some of them were given seniority from the date of initial appointment in violation of guidelines issued by Ministry of Personnel and Training *vide* circular No. 22011/4/91-Estt. (D), dated 01-07-1991 which prescribes counting of seniority from the date of clearance from the UPSC; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In accordance with various Court judgements and instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training, the services of some officers were regularized with effect from 22-10-1991 and 9-11-1992 (*i.e.* the dates of letters of Union Public Service Commission recommending their regularisation and as per instructions dated 1-7-1991 of Department of Personnel and Training). Those who could not qualify the tests conducted by UPSC or who did not undergo the tests were regularized, alongwith officers appointed on *ad hoc* basis during the strike of Jr./Sr. Residents in May-June 1989, with effect from 21-09-1994 (*i.e.* the date of UPSC